

Tsawwassen United Church

4th Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2009, 10:00 AM

Lent is a forty day season of reflection and preparation for the death and resurrection of Jesus.

*Portions of the service printed in **bold** are spoken by the whole congregation.
At the points marked “*”, those who are able are invited to stand.*

THE PEOPLE GATHER

PRELUDE: God So Loved the World

~ John Stainer; arr. by Fred Bock

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (see back of bulletin)

*OPENING HYMN: Joyful, Joyful

VU 232

OPENING PRAYER: Psalm 107:1–9, 17–22

VU 831, parts 1&2

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

*HYMN:

Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

VU 121, v. 1,2,3 & 4th Sunday

PRAYER FOR RESTORING LIFE

ASSURANCE OF GRACE: Ephesians 2:1–10

pew Bible N.T. page 181

LISTENING FOR TRUTH

SCRIPTURE: (Reader: John Glover)

Numbers 21:4–9

pew Bible O.T. page 137

John 3:14–21

pew Bible N. T. page 89

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:

One: This is the witness of God's people.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON: “Our Wisdom Deficit”

*HYMN: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

VU 271

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

CHOIR'S ANTHEM: Little Lamb

~ *William Blake and David Len Allen*

CELEBRATING THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE:

- The Offering is Collected
- Announcements of the Congregation's Life & Ministry
- *Doxology: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

VU 541

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY: God Weeps

MV 78

EXTINGUISH LENT CANDLE

TIME OF SILENCE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*sung*)

VU 959

*CLOSING HYMN: O Jesus, I Have Promised

VU 120

*CHORAL BENEDICTION: Be at Peace

~ *Barbara Furman & David Angermann*

POSTLUDE: Everlasting Victory

~ *Humphrey Turner*

Welcome to Tsawwassen United Church

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

March 22, 2009

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK AT T.U.C.

TODAY **Worship Service (no Sunday School) – at 10:00 a.m.**



Prayer Cycle for Vancouver South Presbytery and B.C. Conference – Today we pray for the members of Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery.

Lenten Study Group – meet at **7:00 p.m.** in the Lounge.

WED. **Free Public Lecture on Addiction** – at **7:00 p.m.** See advertisement on back page for more information.

THURS. **Choir..... 7:45 p.m.**

NEXT SUN. **Worship Service (no Sunday School) – at 10:00 a.m.** The Junior Choir will be singing. Scripture readings: Jeremiah 31:31–34; Psalm 51:1–12 (VU pgs. 776–777); Hebrews 5:5–10; John 12:20–33.



Annual General Meeting – in the sanctuary following the worship service.

Lenten Study Group – meet at **7:00 p.m.** in the Lounge.



UPCOMING EVENTS AT T.U.C.

- **LUNCH BUNCH**

The Lunch Bunch will be meeting next on **Monday, March 30th**, at **11:00 a.m.** The guest speaker will be Tom Ferguson, a volunteer with the Delta Police Department. He will be talking on emergency planning. Bring a bag lunch. Coffee and tea will be served.

- **MEN'S CLUB**

The Men's Club will be having their next breakfast meeting on **Saturday, April 4th**.

Place: The Tsawwassen Golf Club

Time: 8:30 a.m. — coffee served at 8:00 a.m.

The speaker will be Mr. Keith Reynolds, a retired B.C. businessman who lives in Whistler. He has dedicated his retirement time to building playgrounds in areas where there are none. His creation, Playground Builders, a nonprofit organization, has built playgrounds in the West Bank Gaza, Iraq and in Afghanistan.

He finances the construction cost with the help of volunteers, donors, and other nonprofit organizations. He also helps the financing by selling extra virgin olive oil — from the local farmers — and he will have some for sale on Saturday at \$12 for 750 ml.

As usual, all men of the congregation are welcome, but please notify Bill Williams (604-943-7262) or Albert Knudsen (604-943-6748) by Tuesday, March 31st.

A picture of Mr. Reynolds at one of his recently built playgrounds is on the church notice board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **“HOMEWORK” FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING**

On your way out today please be sure to pick up from the table in the narthex your copy of the Annual Report, the 2009 budget, the minutes of last year's meeting and the agenda for next Sunday's meeting.

- **OBSERVER**

The March 2009 issue of *The United Church Observer* is available for borrowing from *The Observer* box on the table under the bulletin board in the narthex.

- **MINISTER'S E-LETTERS**

A reminder that if you are not receiving the minister's weekly e-mail letter and would like to, please let the office know your e-mail address.

- **LOST AND FOUND**

A silver clip-on earring was found last Sunday. Please see the church office to claim.

- **IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS**

There will be no Sunday School on March 22nd or March 29th due to Spring Break. (Also during this time, Brenda will be away at school.) Sunday School will begin again on April 5th, Palm Sunday.

- **BIRTHDAY BAGS UPDATE**

Take a look at the Outreach bulletin board just outside the hall and you should see a poster that indicates how much of each of the bag items has been collected from donations. Our original target was 50 bags so we have a long way to go to reach that. Quite a few cash donations have been received and if you want to support the project that way, just mark your envelopes or cheques "Birthday Bags" and Outreach will do the shopping. We plan to finish the project in the last week of March so whatever resources we have gathered will be used to make as many bags as we can. We will report on what happened in April.

- **LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE**

The Congregational Libraries Association of B.C. will be holding their annual conference "The Gift of Learning" on March 27 and 28, 2009, at St. Aidan's United Church in Victoria. Please see the brochures on the table in the narthex for information on the conference.

- **FIRST UNITED CHURCH NEWSLETTER**

The March edition of the First United Church Mission newsletter is now available. It can be viewed on their website at <http://www.frstunited.ca/newsletter.htm>. There are also a few printed copies on the table in the narthex.

- **CELEBRATE THE SPIRIT OF NARAMATA CENTRE — RESTORE, REFRESH AND CREATE ITS FUTURE**

Enjoy an evening of Okanagan wines, delicious appetizers, silent auction and live music on Friday, April 24th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at the historic Baldwin House on the shore of Burnaby's Deer Lake. Silent auction items include private accommodation at this lovely Arthur Erickson-designed home for the following evening. Tickets are \$75 per person (a \$50 charitable donation receipt will be issued). All proceeds to Naramata Centre's capital campaign. For information or to purchase tickets call the Centre toll-free at 1-877-966-5751 or contact the organizing committee at 604-433-9732 or eljam@telus.net.

Annual General Meeting!

*Where: The Sanctuary
When: Sunday, March 29,
after the 10:00 a. m. service*

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Addiction

A Study in Poverty of the Spirit

A free public lecture by
Simon Fraser University
Professor Emeritus and
author Bruce Alexander



Wednesday, March 25
7:00 p.m.

**At Tsawwassen United Church
693 53rd Street, Tsawwassen**

In his third book, The Globalization of Addiction: a study in poverty of the spirit, released in Canada last September, Bruce Alexander proposes a radical rethink of addiction.

He explains how hypercapitalism is generating a rising tide of addiction to many destructive habits, such as compulsive shopping, gambling, sexuality, and video gaming, as well as drug and alcohol abuse, primarily caused by the loss of long standing cultural traditions and values.

Alexander's book is particularly relevant in today's economically volatile climate.



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